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Tom Schadt
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Dear Mr. Schadt:

Thank you for your email of July 10, 2018 and for you and the members of the Newtown Creek Group (NCG) taking the time to come in to discuss the NCG's proposed Early Action for the Newtown Creek site with me.

I was encouraged to hear your proposal to start work in a portion of the creek in advance of a final remedy for the whole creek. As you know, the Agency's first priority will be to select a remedy that is protective of human health and the environment, as well as one that is consistent with a final remedy. We understand your group's desire for as much finality as can be projected in an interim remedy decision, and I have instructed John Prince and his team to take that concern into consideration.

I look forward to hearing more from my staff as we explore this opportunity. Please feel free to reach out to John Prince at (212) 637-4380 if you have any questions as we explore this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter D. Lopez".

Peter D. Lopez
Regional Administrator

cc: David Bridgers, NCG
Angela Licata, NYCDEP
John Prince, EPA